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Advice of Allaah's Book

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

All praise be to Allaah, the Lord of all the Worlds, and the good end will be for the pious! Peace and blessings be upon Allaah's Servant, Messenger, Khaleel (beloved, close elect), the one entrusted with His revelation and the best of His Creatures our Prophet, Imaam (leader) and Master Muhammad ibn `Abdullah, and upon his family, his Companions, and those who follow his path and are guided by his teachings till the Day of Judgment.

Truly, the Qur'aan contains guidance and light. It is the strong Rope and Right Path of Allaah. It is the Wise Reminder, whoever adheres to it will be saved, whereas whoever is lead astray from it perishes. Allaah (عزوجل)¹ says about His Glorious Book: [Verily, this Qur'aan guides to that which is most just and right and gives glad tidings to the believers (in the Oneness of Allaah and His Messenger, Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّم)², who work deeds of righteousness, that they shall have a great reward (Paradise). And that those who believe not in the Hereafter, for them We have prepared a painful torment (Hell).]

This is the Book of Allaah that guides to that which is most just and right i.e. to the most upright, best, and most guiding way. It guides, leads, and calls to this way i.e. to bear witness to the Oneness of Allaah, obedience to Him, and to avoid what He prohibits and abide by the limits He prescribed. This is the explanation for the most straight path. The Noble Qur'aan is the means of attaining salvation. Allaah (عزوجك) revealed it as a clarification of all things, a guide, a mercy, and glad tidings for the Muslims.

Allaah (سبحانه) states in Soorah an-Nahl: [And We have sent down to you the Book (the Qur'aan) as an exposition of everything, a guidance, a mercy, and glad tidings for those who have submitted themselves (to Allaah as Muslims).]

Thus, the Noble Qur'aan is a clarification of all things, a guide to the way of happiness, a mercy, and glad tidings. Allaah (عزوجك) says: [Say: "It is for those who believe, a guide and a healing."] It guides the hearts to the truth and heals them from the diseases of Shirk



¹ (عزوجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Glorified and Exalted be He

⁽sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him (صَلَى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)

⁽سبحانه) (Subhanahu) Exalted be He

(associating others with Allaah in His Divinity or worship), sins, Bid`ah (innovation in Religion), and deviations from the truth. It is a healing for the body from many diseases.

It brings glad tidings to both humankind and Jinn, but Allaah (سبحانه) confined this to the believers, for it is they who follow its guidance and benefit from it. Otherwise, it would have been a healing for all, as Allaah (عزوجل) says: [And We have sent down to you the Book (the Qur'aan) as an exposition of everything, a guidance, a mercy, and glad tidings for those who have submitted themselves (to Allaah as Muslims).] Allaah (سبحانه) says: [Verily, this Qur'aan guides to that which is most just and right]

Thus, the Glorious Qur'aan is a remedy for all the ailments of the heart: It is a remedy for the diseases of Shirk, acts of disobedience, and Bid`ah. It is also a remedy for the diseases of the body and society for those whose intentions are pure and whom Allaah wills to cure. Allaah (عزوجك) says: [(This is) a Book which We have revealed unto you (O Muhammad (اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)) in order that you might lead mankind out of darkness (of disbelief and polytheism) into light (of belief in the Oneness of Allaah and Islaamic Monotheism) by their Lord's Leave to the Path of the All-Mighty, the Owner of all Praise.]

Thus, it is a Book with which Allaah (سبحانه) leads mankind out of the darkness of shirk, committing sins and Bid`ah, and dissension and disunity into the light of truth, guidance, agreement on good, and cooperation in righteousness and piety. This is the Straight Path of Allaah i.e. bearing witness to the Oneness of Allaah, fulfilling the duties He laid down, avoiding sins, exhorting one another to fulfil His Right and to avoid sins and disobedience of Him. This is the Straight Path of Allaah; the true light and guidance and this is the most righteous path.

Allaah (سبحانه) says in Soorah al-Anbeeyaa': [And this is a blessed Reminder (the Qur'aan) which We have sent down: will you then (dare to) deny it?] Allaah (سبحانه) also says in Soorah Yaseen: [This is only a Reminder and a plain Qur'aan.] [That he or it (Muhammad Soorah Yaseen: [This is only a Reminder and a plain Qur'aan.] [That he or it (Muhammad or the believer), or the Qur'aan) may give warning to him who is living (a healthy minded the believer), and that Word (charge) may be justified against the disbelievers (dead, as they reject the warnings).] Thus, Allaah (عزوجل) made His Book a reminder, warner, healing, and a guide. Therefore, it is obligatory upon every Mukallaf (person meeting the conditions to be held legally accountable for their actions) from among humankind or Jinn to follow its guidance, hold fast to it, and beware of contradicting it. Allaah (عزوجل) says: [(This is) a Book (the Qur'aan) which We have sent down to you, full of blessings, that they may ponder over its Verses, and that men of understanding may remember.] Allaah (اعداد المسحاد) also says: [And this is a blessed Book (the Qur'aan) which We have sent down, so follow it and fear Allaah (i.e. do not disobey His Orders), that you may receive mercy (i.e. be saved from the torment of Hell).] Allaah (عزوجل) says: [Do they not then think deeply in the Qur'aan, or are their hearts locked up (from understanding it)?]



When `Aaishah⁴ (رضّى الله عنها) was asked: O Mother of the believers, what was the character of the Prophet (صَلَّى الله عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) replied: It was the Qur'aan (i.e. the characters mentioned in the Qur'aan).

Allaah (سبحانه) says: [And Verily, you (O Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)) are on an exalted (standard of) character.] This means that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) used to think deeply about the Qur'aan, recite it often, and apply what it says. So, his morals were the embodiment of the teachings of the Qur'aan, whether in recitation; meditation; compliance to its orders; avoiding its prohibitions; arousing people's interest in the obedience of Allaah (سبحانه) and His Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ); inviting people to all that is good; advising others for the sake of Allaah; and other forms of goodness.

Allaah (سبحانه) says: [We relate unto you (Muhammad (سبحانه)) the best of stories] Thus, the Ever-Glorious Qur'aan relates the best stories and gives the code of ethics by which the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) lived. My advice to all Muslims; men and women, mankind and Jinn, Arabs and non-Arabs, and scholars and seekers of knowledge, is to care for the Glorious Qur'aan, recite it often, reflect upon its meanings, and understand it by night and day particularly at times when the heart is ready to meditate and understand. Those who find it difficult to memorise the Qur'aan should recite it from the Mus_haf (Qur'aan, the Book) and whoever can memorise parts of it should recite of it as much as possible. Allaah (سبحانه) says: [So, recite you of the Qur'aan as much as may be easy for you.] The one who just knows the alphabet should spell and read from the Mus_haf to learn more and anyone who does not have enough knowledge should learn from his mother, father, son, or wife if they are more learned than him. A female who does not have enough knowledge, should learn at the hand of her father, brother, husband, sister, and so on.

In this way, people should also cooperate and exhort one another to contemplate, understand, and act upon this Ever-Glorious Book. There should be mutual cooperation between spouses, parents, sons, brothers, uncles, and aunts, and all Muslims.

Allaah (عزوجل) says: [Help you one another in al-Birr and at-Taqwaa (virtue, righteousness and piety)] He (سبحانه) also says: [By al-'Asr (the time).] [Verily, man is in loss,] [Except those who believe (in Islaamic Monotheism) and do righteous good deeds, and recommend one another to the truth [i.e. order one another to perform all kinds of good deeds (al-Ma'roof) which Allaah has ordained, and abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds (al-Munkar which Allaah has forbidden], and recommend one another to patience (for the sufferings, harms, and injuries which one may encounter in Allaah's Cause during preaching His religion of Islaamic Monotheism or Jihaad).] It is also narrated by Muslim in his Saheeh (authentic) book of Hadeeth on the authority of Jabir Ibn 'Abdullah (رضي الله عنهما)

 $^{^{6}}$ (رضى الله عنهما) (rad iyallaahu 'anhumaa) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with them both



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رضّي الله عنها) Umm-al-Mumineen 'Aaishah, the Mother of The Believers (رضّي الله عنها)

rad iyallaahu `anhaa) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with her (رضّى الله عنها) ⁵

that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said to people in his Khutbah (sermon) on the Day of `A'rafah in the Farewell Hajj: I am leaving among you that which if you adhere to, you will never go astray - the Book of Allaah. Thus, he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) enjoined them to observe the Book of Allaah and assured them that they would not go astray if they held fast to it.

In another narration, the Prophet (صَلِّي اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) stated: "...The Book of Allaah and my Sunnah". The Sunnah of the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) receives authority from the Book of Allaah, because Allaah (سبحانه) says: [And obey Allaah and the Messenger (Muhammad [(صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)

The Book of Allaah orders obeying Allaah (سبحانه) and His Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ). Allaah (سبحانه) says: [Say: "Obey Allaah and obey the Messenger, but if you turn away, he (Messenger Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) is only responsible for the duty placed on him (i.e. to convey Allaah's Message) and you for that placed on you. If you obey him, you shall be on the right guidance. The Messenger's duty is only to convey (the message) in a clear way (i.e. to preach in a plain way)."] Allaah (عزوجل) says: [And obey Allaah and the Messenger (Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)), and beware (of even coming near to drinking or gambling or al-Ansaab, or al-Azlaam, etc.)] Allaah also says: [He who obeys the Messenger (Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), has indeed obeyed Allaah] The Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) exhorted us to obey the Ever-Glorious Qur'aan and this exhortation includes practicing the Sunnah i.e. his sayings, deeds, and approvals as mentioned before.

It is related on the authority of `Alee (رضي الله عنه) that the Prophet (صَلَّى الله عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said: 'There will be trials.' He was then asked, 'O Messenger of Allaah! What is the way out?' He replied, 'The Book of Allaah, in it are the tidings of what happened before (صَلِّي اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) you and the tidings of what shall happen after you and the laws to settle your disputes...'

It is the way to escape all trials. It leads to the path of safety, guides to the way of happiness, warns against the causes of destruction, calls to unifying the word of Muslims, and warns against disunity and disagreement. Allaah (سبحانه) says: [Verily, those who divide their religion and break up into sects (all kinds of religious sects), you (O Muhammad says in this Ever- (عزوجل) have no concern in them in the least.] Allaah (عزوجل) Glorious Book: [And be not as those who divided and differed among themselves after the clear proofs had come to them.] And: [And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allaah (i.e. this Qur'aan), and be not divided among yourselves] Thus, it calls to unity on the truth and exhorts to the truth, as Allaah (سبحانه) says: [By al-'Asr (the time).] [Verily, man is in loss,] [Except those who believe (in Islaamic Monotheism) and do righteous good deeds, and recommend one another to the truth [i.e. order one another to perform all kinds of good deeds (al-Ma'roof) which Allaah has ordained, and abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds (al-Munkar which Allaah has forbidden], and recommend one another

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rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him. (رضى الله عنه)

to patience (for the sufferings, harms, and injuries which one may encounter in Allaah's Cause during preaching His religion of Islaamic Monotheism or Jihaad).] This great concise Soorah contains all that is good. It left nothing of what is good but mentioned it and nothing of evil but warned against it.

Those excluded in this Ayah are the winners among Jinn and humankind, males and females, the Arabs and the non-Arabs, the merchants and the poor, and the rulers and others. They are the ones who will be safe from loss. They have four characteristics: believing in Allaah, acting righteously, exhorting one another to the truth, and exhorting one another to patience.

Only these will be saved from loss, whereas others will be losers in proportion to how much they lack of these four traits. These successful Muslims believe in Allaah (سبحانه), in His Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), in what Allaah revealed, and in the authentic narrations reported from the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ). They also believe in what Allaah (سبحانه) and His Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) told regarding the Hereafter, Paradise, Hellfire, reckoning, retribution, and so on. They believe Allaah is the only Worthy of worship and that He is only One God Who has no partner and that it is forbidden to worship any other. Allaah (سبحانه) says in His Glorious Book: [So worship Allaah (Alone) by doing religious deeds sincerely for Allaah's sake only.] And: [And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him.] Allaah (سبحانه) says: [You (Alone) we worship, and You (Alone) we ask for help (for each and everything).] Allaah (سبحانه) also says: [And they were commanded not, but that they should worship Allaah, and worship none but Him Alone (abstaining from ascribing partners to Him)] Allaah (سبحانه) also says: [And your Ilaah (God) is One Ilaah (God - Allaah), Laa ilaaha illa Huwa (there is none who has the right to be worshipped but He), the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.] And: [Allaah is the Creator of all things, and He is the Wakeel (Trustee, Disposer of affairs, Guardian) over all things.] Allaah (سبحانه) says: [And I (Allaah) created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me (Alone).] Allaah (عزوجل) says: [O mankind! Worship your Lord (Allaah)]

This is the basis of the Deen (religion) of Islaam and the core of faith, i.e. to believe that Allaah is the Creator and the Provider and that none but Him is the true God, alone worthy of all worship and that to Him belongs the Most Magnificent Names and Exalted Attributes. There is none like unto Him and there is none co-equal to Him. He has no partner in worship, dominion, or arranging matters as Allaah (سبحانه) says: [Allaah! Laa ilaaha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He), al-Hayyul-Qayyum (the Ever Living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists).] Allaah (سبحانه) also says: [Say (O Muhammad (صَلَى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَمَ): "He is Allaah, (the) One.] ["Allaah-us-Samad: Allaah the Self-Sufficient Master, Whom all creatures need, (He neither eats nor drinks)].] ["He begets not, nor was He begotten.] ["And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him."] He (سبحانه) also says: [There is nothing like Him; and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer.] Allaah (سبحانه) also says in



Soorah al-Hajj: [That is because Allaah — He is the Truth (the only True God of all that exists, Who has no partners or rivals with Him), and what they (the polytheists) invoke besides Him, it is Baatil (falsehood).] He (سبحانه) also says: [And the mosques are for Allaah (Alone): so invoke not anyone along with Allaah.] There are many Ayahs that stress this meaning.

In conclusion, it is obligatory on every Mukallaf, both Jinn and mankind, to worship Allaah alone and to have absolute belief that Allaah is the Creator and the Provider and that there is no creator except Allaah (سبحانه). There is no Lord except Him and none but Him (سبحانه) is worthy of all worship. He is the One deserving to be worshipped through supplication, fear, hope, Salaah (Prayer), Sawm (Fast), offering sacrifices, vows, and so on. All this should be dedicated to Allaah Alone Who has no partner. Allaah (سبحانه) says: [So set you (O Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) your face towards the religion (of pure Islaamic Monotheism) Haneef (worship none but Allaah Alone). Allaah's Fitrah (i.e. Allaah's Islaamic Monotheism) with which He has created mankind.] Allaah (سبحانه says: [And they were commanded not, but that they should worship Allaah, and worship none but Him Alone (abstaining from ascribing partners to Him)] this is the meaning of "Laa ilaaha illaallaah". It means that there is no God worthy of worship but Allaah. Allaah (سبحانه) says: [So know (O Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)) that, Laa ilaaha illaallaah (none has the right to be worshipped but Allaah)] this means that none should be worshipped truly except Allaah سبحانه). Whoever worships idols, dead people, trees, stones, angels, or prophets, has committed Shirk and has contradicted and broken the testimony that " there is no God worthy of worship but Allaah" and contradicted Allaah's Saying (سبحانه): [And they were commanded not, but that they should worship Allaah, and worship none but Him Alone (abstaining from ascribing partners to Him)] And has contradicted Allaah's Saying (سبحانه): [And I (Allaah) created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me (Alone).] Among those committing Shirk (associating others with Allaah in His Divinity or worship) are those worshipping graves, idols, trees, and stones. They seek the help of the dead and the blessings of their graves, supplicate to them, go around their graves seeking benefit, reward or protection from them. They may seek their help or ask them to endow them with children, support, or the like as done by the grave and idol worshippers or those who seek the help of stars, Jinn, angels, prophets, or other creatures.

All this violates the testification that there is no God worthy of worship but Allaah, and contradicts the belief in the Oneness of Allaah. Allaah (عزوجك) says: [And they were commanded not, but that they should worship Allaah, and worship none but Him Alone (abstaining from ascribing partners to Him)]

He (سبحانه) further says: [But if they had joined in worship others with Allaah, all that they used to do would have been of no benefit to them.] And: [And indeed it has been revealed to you (O Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)), as it was to those (Allaah's Messengers) before



you: "If you join others in worship with Allaah, (then) surely (all) your deeds will be in vain, and you will certainly be among the losers."] [Nay! But worship Allaah (Alone and none else), and be among the grateful.] And: [Verily, Allaah forgives not that partners should be set up with Him (in worship), but He forgives except that (anything else) to whom He wills] And: [...Verily joining others in worship with Allaah is a great Dhulm (wrong) indeed.]

It is obligatory to believe in the Oneness of Allaah and be sincere to Him in one's Salaah, Sawm, and other acts of worship. It is obligatory to avoid Shirk in slaughtering, taking vows, fearing, and hoping, and so on. It is obligatory to fear Allaah (سبحانه) and believe that He alone is one's Lord and Creator. There is no Lord or Creator beside Him. One should believe that to Allaah belongs the Exalted Attributes and the Most Magnificent Names and that there is nothing like unto Him, nor does He have an equal. Allaah (عزوجل) says: [And (all) the Most Beautiful Names belong to Allaah, so call on Him by them] And: [Then do not set up rivals unto Allaah (in worship)] i.e. peers and equals. Allaah (سبحانه) says: [There is nothing like Him; and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer.] Allaah (سبحانه) also says, [Say (O Muhammad (صَلَى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَم)): "He is Allaah, (the) One.] ["Allaah-us-Samad: Allaah the Self-Sufficient Master, Whom all creatures need, (He neither eats nor drinks)].] ["He begets not, nor was He begotten.] ["And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him."]

It is also obligatory to acknowledge that every Mukallaf (person meeting the conditions to be held legally accountable for their actions) should believe that Allaah (سبحانه) is their Creator and the Creator and Owner of everything and that it is Allaah Who is Worthy of worship and that He is the One True God. One will not be a true believer unless one believes that to Allaah (سبحانه) belongs the Most Magnificent Names and the Highest Attributes, and that all His Names are Most Beautiful and all His Attributes Most Sublime, and that there is nothing like unto Him or is His equal. Allaah (سبحانه) says: [Say (O Muhammad (مَا الله عَلَيْه وَسَلَّم)): "He is Allaah, (the) One.] ["Allaah-us-Samad: Allaah the Self-Sufficient Master, Whom all creatures need, (He neither eats nor drinks)].] ["He begets not, nor was He begotten.] ["And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him."] He (سبحانه) says: [Do you know of any who is similar to Him?] i.e. there is no one who is similar to Him; there is no partner or co-equal to Him. Allaah (سبحانه) says: [Then do not set up rivals unto Allaah (in worship) while you know (that He Alone has the right to be worshipped).] i.e. do not deem anything to be similar, nor a peer to be called upon beside Him.

Allaah (عزوجل)⁸ says: **[There is nothing like Him; and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer.]** Thus, Allaah (سبحانه) hears what His servants say, hears their supplication, and sees them. There is nothing like unto Him in His Self, His Names, His Hearing and Sight or any of His Attributes. He is the Perfect in everything whereas, His creatures have defects. Perfection in all aspects is confined to Allaah (عزوجل) exclusively.

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⁸ (عزوجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Glorified and Exalted be He

You should reflect upon the Ever-Glorious Qur'aan to understand this meaning. Contemplate the Qur'aan from its beginning to its end; from Al-Faatihah (Opening Chapter of the Qur'aan), the greatest and best Soorah in the Qur'aan, to the last Soorah in the Mus_haf: [Say (O Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ): "He is Allaah, (the) One.] And Mu`awwidhatayn (Soorahs al-Falaq and an-Naas).

Reflect upon and meditate on the Ever-Glorious Qur'aan with a desire to work and attain benefit from it. Do not read it carelessly. Read it attentively and try to understand its meanings and ask scholars about what you cannot grasp although most of it, praise be to Allaah, is clear to both the common and learned people who know the Arabic language. An example is the Ayah in which Allaah (عزوجل) says: [Guard strictly (five obligatory) as-Salawaat (the prayers) especially the middle Salaat (i.e. the best prayer - 'Asr). And stand before Allaah with obedience [and do not speak to others during the Salaat (prayers)].] And: [And perform as-Salaat (Igaamat-as-Salaat), and give Zakaat and obey the Messenger (Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)) that you may receive mercy (from Allaah).] And: [He who obeys the Messenger (Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)), has indeed obeyed Allaah] And: [And perform as-Salaat (Iqaamat-as-Salaat), and give Zakaat and bow down (or submit yourselves with obedience to Allaah) along with those who bow down (in prayer).] And: [Observing as-Sawm (the fasting) is prescribed for you] And: [And Hajj (pilgrimage to Makkah) to the House (Ka'bah) is a duty that mankind owes to Allaah, for those who are able to undertake the journey.] And: [O you who believe! Intoxicants (all kinds of alcoholic drinks), and gambling, and al-Ansaab, and al-Azlaam (arrows for seeking luck or decision) are an abomination of Shaytaan's (Satan) handiwork. So avoid (strictly all) that (abomination) in order that you may be successful.] And: [...whereas Allaah has permitted trading and forbidden Ribaa (usury).] All these are clear Ayahs in which Allaah (عزوجل) clarifies the lawful and the unlawful for His servants.

Allaah (سبحانه) also prohibits injustice. He (سبحانه) says: [And the Zaalimoon (polytheists and wrong-doers) will have neither a Walee (protector or guardian) nor a helper.] He (مبحانه) says: [And whoever among you does wrong (i.e. sets up rivals to Allaah), We shall make him taste a great torment.] So, servant of Allaah, you should not wrong others with regard to their person, honour, or property.

